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To: Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Environmental Monitor

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Subject: Route 85 Improvements – South of Route 82
Montville and Salem, CT
State Project No. 85-146
Memorandum of Findings and Determination

On February 22, 2022, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a Notice of Scoping in the *Environmental Monitor* to solicit comments for the subject project. A virtual public scoping meeting was held on March 15, 2022, and the scoping period concluded on March 30, 2022. During the scoping period, CTDOT received comments from members of the public and two State agencies - the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP), and the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Since the time of public scoping, the project scope has been reduced, which is reflected in the post scoping notice and environmental assessment checklist.

Based on the comments received, and the analysis documented in the attached Environmental Review Checklist, CTDOT does not recommend the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. Comments and recommendations received were reviewed in conjunction with the preparation of the Environmental Review Checklist and addressed within the checklist, as appropriate.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at kevin.fleming@ct.gov.